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PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN CALIFORNIA IN
RATE REQUEST FILED BY HICKORY HILLS WATER & SEWER COMPANY

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing on **January 19, 2006**, to receive customer comment on a water and sewer rate request filed by Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company, Inc.

The local public hearing schedule appears below:

January 19, 2006*
California
City Hall
Public Meeting Room
500 South Oak

*The PSC Staff will hold an information session and answer questions from the public from 5:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The local public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. It will continue until every member of the public has had an opportunity to testify, or until 8:00 p.m., whichever is earlier.

Local public hearings are designed to give customers of the company an opportunity to comment on the rate request currently before the Commission. In addition, customers can bring any service related problems to the Commission's attention.

This local public hearing will be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company, Inc. is seeking to increase sewer revenues by approximately $2,500 a year and annual water revenues by approximately $2,000. For a residential customer using approximately 6,000 gallons a month, water rates would increase from $28.51 a month to $32.02 a month under the company's request. Sewer rates for residential customers would increase from $12.35 a month to $16.78 a month.

Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company, Inc. serves approximately 50 water and sewer customers in California, Missouri.

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